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PATENT**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 1731****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Dube et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/624,820  
Filed: July 25, 2000  
For: METHOD OF IMPROVING FLAVOR IN SMOKING ARTICLE

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Washington, DC 20231

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD  
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
37 C.F.R. § 1.191**

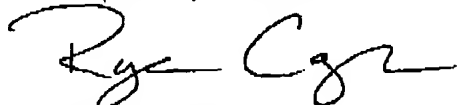
Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 10, 2002, rejecting the following Claims 1-4, 6-9, 13, and 15-24.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 1.17(b) is authorized:

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 in the amount of \$320.00 for the petition fee.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status and a check for \$160.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional fee or refund may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- ☐ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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